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Official Ballot of The Academic Senate

Amendments to the Constitution of the Academic Senate of the University of Dayton

March 27, 1998

In the Fall of 1997, a faculty committee reviewed the Constitution of the Academic Senate and offered several suggestions for amendments. The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate has considered those suggestions, and has thoroughly reviewed the Constitution itself. It is recommending you vote "For" the following amendments.

To have an amendment approved, the following must occur:

1. It must be approved by the Academic Senate.
2. Faculty voting must be preceded by discussion at a general Faculty meeting.
3. It must be approved by two-thirds of at least a majority of the University Faculty voting by written ballot.
4. It must be ratified by the President of the University.
5. It must be ratified by the Board of Trustees.

ISSUE

1. Eliminate wording in the Constitution that refers to the Constitution not "infringing upon the administrative responsibilities of current University Committees, Councils, and Boards."
(Page 1, Article II. A.)

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2. Require the President and the Board of Trustees of the University to communicate in writing in a timely manner to the Academic Senate when the President or the Board settle a dispute over the interpretation of the Constitution and decide on policies passed by the Senate.
(Page 2, Article II. A., B.)

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3. Clarify that it is a vote of tenure-track and tenured faculty only who may overturn Senate actions.
(Page 4, Article III. B.)

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4. Clarify the majority needed for faculty voting procedures on academic freedom and tenure.
(Page 2, Article II. B.1.c.)

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5. State that the faculty who can be elected to the Senate are tenure-track and tenured faculty excluding Assistant and Associate Deans and Assistant and Associate Provosts.
(Page 5, Article IV. A.I.)

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6. Permit instructional staff, i.e., full-time lecturers and persons serving full-time "in-residence" positions, to be elected to the Senate.
(Page 5, Article IV. A.I.)

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7. Change elected representation of the Senate to more closely match the current number of faculty and instructional staff and to match current structures so that:

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- a. The College will have 11 representatives (rather than 10) with 5 from the Humanities (**at least 1** of whom **must be** from the Fine Arts), and 3 (**rather than 2**) from the Social Sciences and 3 from the **Natural Sciences (Natural Sciences includes: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Sciences, Mathematics, and Physics).**
- b. The School of Business Administration will have 3 representatives (rather than 4); the School of Education 3 (**rather than 2**); the School of Engineering 3, and the School of Law will remain at 1.

(Page 5, Article IV. A.1.)

8. Allow part-time faculty to have 1 elected part-time faculty representative on the Senate.
(Page 5, Article IV. A.I.)

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9. Add the Dean of the Libraries onto the Senate.
(Page 5, Article IV. A.2.)

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10. Allow the Provost to vote in the Academic Senate only to break tie votes.
(Page 5, Article IV. A.3.)

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11. Increase student representatives from 6 to 7 and specify that in addition to the other areas, that the Social Sciences and Natural Sciences need both to be represented.
(Page 6, Article IV. A.4.)

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12. Eliminate the never-used Constitutional provisions that say the Academic Affairs Committees of the units shall select an elected Senate representative to serve on the units' Academic Affairs Committee and that the committee will assure 2 student nominees for the Senate.
(Page 6, 7, Article IV. B.2, C.4.b.)

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13. Provide procedures for the election of faculty, instructional staff, part-time faculty, and students to the Senate.
(Pages 6 & 7, Article IV, B.3, 5, C.5, D.1.)

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14. Eliminate the requirement that the Academic Senate's agenda must be communicated "through appropriate campus media."
(Page 8, Article V. A..2.)

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15. Require the Academic Senate to use Robert's Rules of Order and a Parliamentarian at its general meetings.
(Page 8, Article V. A..4.)

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16. Provide that the President of the Senate shall be an elected tenure-track or tenured faculty member rather than the Provost.
(Page 9, Article VI. C.2.)

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17. Provide that the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Senate (all tenure-track or tenured faculty) be elected by the Senate from the elected members of the Senate's Executive Committee.
(Page 9 Article VI. C.3.)

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18. Specify that when representatives on the Executive Committee cannot complete their term of office for whatever reason their replacement will be selected by the Senate in an election.
(Page 10, Article IV. E.3.)

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19. Specify that faculty who can vote to amend the Senate Constitution are tenure-track and tenured faculty only.
(Page 11, Article VII. B.)

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20. Approve editorial changes including use of inclusive language, clarifying when referring to President of University and President of the Senate, correcting spelling errors.

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Issues Arranged by category

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Note these minor changes to wording that should appear in the Constitution Draft #4 to correspond to ballot:

1. Page 5, Article IV. A.1. before the number 1 in the parenthetical phrase following the phrase Humanities-five should be the phrase (at least 1).
2. Page 9, Article VI. E.2. should read: Vacancies on the Executive Committee shall be filled through elections by the Senate at the initial meeting of each winter term.
3. Page 11, Article VII. B. should indicate the proposed change by capitalizing the words: TENURE-TRACK AND TENURED.